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DESIGN QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES

The following are quality control procedures established to ensure bidability, constructability and operability of the Plans and Specifications at the 95% review stage prior to submission to the Architecture & Engineering Division. It is imperative the Architect/Engineer conform to these requirements in order to reduce problems, conflicts, errors, omissions, etc. during the Project's construction.

1. Specification Review (pertains to all disciplines).
 - a) Review specifications for bid items (proposal form) and entire boiler plate to ensure coordination.
 - b) Review specifications for coordination with the plans and notes.
 - c) Review specifications for phasing of construction and to ensure it is delineated appropriately.
 - d) Compare architectural finish schedules with material types contained in the specifications to ensure all items are specified appropriately.
 - e) Review major furnishings and equipment to ensure coordination of component types, model numbers, etc. with the plans.
 - f) Verify that all items listed in the specifications "as indicated" or "where indicated" are actually shown on the plans.
 - g) Ensure all cross-references to other specification sections are accurate.
2. Civil Plan Review.
 - a) Review site plans for interference of utilities (old and new) including, but not limited to, telephone, electrical, sewer, water, gas, storage tanks, pipelines and storm drainage.
 - b) Review site plans for interference of utilities with sidewalks, driveways, landscaping, fire hydrants, lighting, easements, rights-of-way, etc.
 - c) Review site plans to ensure construction phasing can be accomplished as specified when coordinated with the utilities.
 - d) Verify site plans to be consistent with landscaping plans.
 - e) Review civil plans and profiles for interference of utilities.
 - f) Verify that all existing and proposed grade elevations are shown and coordinated with all utilities, sidewalks, driveways and landscaping.
 - g) Check all other disciplines' plans for conflicts.
 - h) Verify all plan notes do not conflict with specifications.
3. Structural Plan Review.
 - a) Review columns and column lines on structural and architectural plans to ensure coordination.
 - b) Ensure all beams and columns are scheduled.
 - c) Verify all structural dimensions coordinate with architectural plans.
 - d) Review all floor/roof elevations comply with architectural plans.
 - e) Verify slope of all slabs are indicated.
 - f) Verify all footings, foundation, foundation piers and foundation beams are identified.
 - g) Review all footings, foundation, foundation piers and foundation beams with all utility penetrations to ensure no conflicts.
 - h) Review all roofing, framing and perimeters match architectural plans.
 - i) Verify all expansion joint locations against architectural plans.
 - j) Check all building penetrations against mechanical/electrical/architectural plans for conflicts.
 - k) Check all other disciplines' plans for conflicts.
 - l) Verify all plan notes do not conflict with specifications.
4. Architectural Plan Review.
 - a) Compare architectural building print against civil site plans and site survey.
 - b) Verify all setbacks.
 - c) Verify all columns and beams, including column lines, against structural plans.
 - d) Review all plans for delineation of existing and new work.
 - e) Check all building elevations, including roof lines, windows, doors, expansion joints, slabs, and floors.
 - f) Review all building and wall sections and details for proper elevations and plan layout including structural plans.
 - g) Verify all expansion joints, masonry openings, steel layout, columns, beams, etc. with structural plans.
 - h) Check ceiling and reflected ceiling plans against all light fixtures, diffusers, grilles, return/supply openings, etc. for conflicts.
 - i) Check all other disciplines' plans for conflicts.

- j) Review the finish schedule for all rooms for inclusion of room numbers, names, finishes, ceiling heights/types, trim, etc.
- k) Verify all door and window schedule information with regard to sizes, types, hardware, labels, etc.
- l) Locate and verify all fire-rated walls, load bearing walls, etc. to ensure they are delineated and designed properly.
- m) Verify all furnishings, equipment and peripheral items are accounted for, located, and specified.
- n) Verify all plan dimensions.
- o) Verify all plan notes do not conflict with specifications.

5. Mechanical Plan Review.

- a) Check all utility locations against civil plans.
- b) Review all plumbing fixture locations against architectural plans.
- c) Verify plumbing fixture schedule to match the types in specifications.
- d) Check storm drain and roof drain systems against architectural and structural plans to ensure no conflicts with structure and other features.
- e) Verify all sanitary piping is identified. Provide invert elevations at the appropriate locations. Check piping under slab to avoid footings, foundation beams, etc.
- f) Compare HVAC plans against architectural, electrical and structural plans. Verify there are no conflicts with wall penetrations, fire walls are coordinated, lighting fixtures and diffusers do not overlap, etc.
- g) Review equipment locations, sizes and schedule against architectural, electrical and structural plans to ensure all items are accounted for and are located properly.
- h) Verify fire protection plans identify the appropriate occupancies and the coverages required.
- i) Verify fire flow data and make sure it is contained in the plans or specifications.
- j) Review all ductwork, diffusers, grilles, registers, fire/smoke dampers, etc. for sizing and locations.
- k) Verify all plan dimensions.
- l) Verify all plan notes do not conflict with specifications.

6. Electrical Plan Review.

- a) Review all plans against architectural to ensure no conflicts.
- b) Verify lighting fixture locations against architectural reflected ceiling plan.
- c) Check lighting fixture schedule to include all types and verify plans identify all fixture types.
- d) Review all equipment and furnishing locations which require electrical connection.
- e) Ensure all fire walls maintain their integrity by specification or plan notes.
- f) Verify all panels and switchgear are located per code with respect to space, mounting, etc.
- g) Verify all protect switchgear and breaker sizes. Check that short-circuit ampacity is appropriate.
- h) Verify all plan dimensions.
- i) Verify all plan notes do not conflict with specifications.

NOTE: THE ITEMS COVERED IN THIS LIST ARE NOT MEANT TO BE COMPREHENSIVE. EACH DESIGNER MUST BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER OWN WORK AND VERIFICATION OF SAME.